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In re application of:
KAYYEM et al.
Serial No. 09/557,577
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For: METHODS OF ATTACHING
CONDUCTIVE OLIGOMERS TO
ELECTRODES



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STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS

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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Since copies of the references were provided either by the Applicant or the Examiner in the following related U.S. Application; Serial No.08/743,798, filed November 5, 1996, upon

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which the instant application relies for its priority date, in accordance with 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.98(d), no copies of these references are enclosed.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications:

1. U.S.S.N. 08/475,051, filed June 7, 1995, Meade et al., entitled "Nucleic Acid Mediated Electron Transfer."
2. U.S.S.N. 08/660,534, filed June 7, 1996, Meade et al., entitled "Nucleic Acid Mediated Electron Transfer."
3. U.S.S.N. 08/659,987, filed June 7, 1996, Meade et al., entitled "Nucleic Acid Mediated Electron Transfer."
4. U.S.S.N. 08/873,598, filed June 12, 1997, Meade et al., entitled "Nucleic Acid Mediated Electron Transfer."
5. U.S.S.N. 08/786,187, filed January 21, 1997, Bamdad et al., entitled "Molecular Recognition at Surfaces Derivatized with Self-Assembled Monolayers."
6. U.S.S.N. 08/843,623, filed January 21, 1997, Bamdad, entitled "Surface-Immobilized Nucleic Acid and Electron-Transfer Devices and Methods Employing the Same."

In addition, the applicants note that there are several pending applications which are continuing applications of Meade et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,591,578. These applications are U.S.S.N.s 08/709,265, filed September 6, 1996, 08/709,263, filed September 6, 1996, and

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08/946,679, filed on October 8, 1997. The specifications of these three applications are identical to the specification of the Meade et al. '578 patent.

Finally, the applicants note that there are several copending applications related to the present application; U.S.S.N.s 08/873,978, filed June 12, 1997, and 08/889,510, filed July 24, 1997, both of which are divisional applications of originating parent application 08/743,798, filed November 5, 1996.


None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-63761-5/RFT/RMS).

An additional copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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